UNSTARRED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Applications for appointments from graduates belonging to the Ambalapuzha and Shertala taluks.

1 **MR. H. B. MUHAMED ROWTHER**: (*Ambalapuzha cum Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of applications for Government appointments received by the Public Service Commissioner during the years 1112 and 1113 from the Arts and Law Graduates of the Ambalapuzha and Shertala taluks, both male and female, the number of such applications disposed of and those, if any, pending disposal now?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No taluk-war statistics are maintained.

Statement, by caste, of female teachers in Government Vernacular Schools.

2 **MR. H. B. MUHAMED ROWTHER**: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table, a statement, by caste, of the existing number of female teachers in Government Vernacular Primary Schools, with their qualifications and pay?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON (*Director of Public Instruction*): The time and labour involved in furnishing the information is out of all proportion to its utility.

Muslim Students' Hostel, Trivandrum.

3 **MR. H. B. MUHAMED ROWTHER**: Will the Government be pleased to State whether and what amounts of grants, if any, are being paid to the Muslim Students' Hostel in Trivandrum and if so, to whom the grant is now being paid?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: No grant was paid to any Muslim Hostel for 1112 and 1113.

Religious and moral instruction to Mahomedan Prisoners in the Central Prison.

4 **MR. H. B. MUHAMED ROWTHER**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether any provision has been made for giving religious and moral instruction to the Mahomedan prisoners during incarceration in the Central Jail?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes. Mr. M. M. Shamsuddin Sahib, a Mulla, is attending the Central Prison on Fridays for giving religious and moral instruction to the Mahomedan prisoners.

Teaching of Hindi in Schools.

5 **MR. H. B. MUHAMED ROWTHER**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether Hindi has been introduced as a compulsory subject in the curricula of any of the elementary schools of the State and if so, in which of the schools?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: No.

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